

**Question for written answer E-006650/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Panoramic lift in Sutera, an environmental eyesore that has never been used

In its answer to question E-002356/2015 the Commission stated that checks to ascertain the sustainability of projects and their compliance with the applicable rules are in the first instance the responsibility of the programme managing authorities. In the case concerned here, however, EUR 975 000 in European funding has been misappropriated to the extent that the municipality of Sutera (with just over 1 000 residents) plainly cannot afford to operate the lift, nor will it ever be able to do so. The Commission has thus paid to ruin the landscape; that the project concerned was unsustainable should have become clear while it was still on the drawing-board.

1. Does the Commission think that it should examine the project documents that led the regional authorities to approve the project?
2. Can it supply a copy of the correspondence with the regional authorities?
3. How does it intend to monitor the situation? Does it think that OLAF should be asked to approach the Caltanissetta Public Prosecutor's Office in order to obtain information about the inquiry into the project?